I Claim:-

1.   A method of installing a first self-contained data handling application to operate with a second, previously installed, self-contained data handling application having at least one call routine which is executed when the second data handling application is operated, the method comprising:

    a)   determining the presence of the second data handling application and, if it is present,

    b)   generating a link to a software routine provided by, and utilizing when executed, the first data handling application, which will be executed by the call routine in the second data handling application.

2.   A method according to claim 1, wherein step b) comprises creating source code defining the software routine for automatic implementation by the second data handling application.

3.   A method according to claim 1, wherein the software routine controls a data modification operation by the second data handling application in dependence upon data stored in the first data handling application.

4.   A method according to claim 1, wherein the call routine is only implemented by the second data handling application under certain predetermined conditions.

5.   A database system comprising first and second self-contained data handling applications, the second data handling application having at least one call routine which is executed when the second data handling application is operated, the call routine causing a software routine provided by, and utilizing, the first data handling application, to be executed.

6.   A system according to claim 5, wherein the software routine controls a data modification operation by the second data handling application in dependence upon data stored in the first data handling application.

7.   A system according to claim 5, wherein the call routine is only implemented by the second data handling application under certain predetermined conditions.

8.   A computer program product including code defining a first self-contained data handling application for use with a second self-contained data handling application having at least one call routine which is executed when the second data handling application is operated; and code defining installation software for:

a)   determining the presence of the second data handling application and, if it is present,

b)   generating a link to a software routine provided by, and utilizing when executed, the first data handling application, which will be executed by the call routine in the second data handling application.

9.   A computer program product according to claim 8, wherein step b) comprises creating a source code defining the software routine for automatic execution by the second data handling application.